

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 are pending in the present application. Claims 3 – 5 are canceled by the present amendment, and claims 6 and 7 are newly added. Applicant is requesting reconsideration of the present application.

The Office Action objects to the drawings because they are not labeled in English. Applicant is amending the drawings to provide English labels. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action, claims 1 – 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant is amending the claims to address this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the section 112 rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 – 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. However, Applicant has opted to cancel claims 3 – 5, and has added claims 6 and 7. Claim 6 is similar to claim 1, and further includes a relevant recital that Applicant previously presented in claim 5, and claim 7 includes a recital that is similar to a recital that was previously presented in claim 2. Applicant believes that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance.

As mentioned above, Applicant is amending the claims to address a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant is also amending claims 1 and 2 to delete recitals that do not appear to be necessary for patentability. None of the amendments is intended to narrow the scope of any term of any claim. Therefore, the doctrine of equivalents should be available for all of the terms of all of the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presented in this application patentably distinguish over the prior art. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace all of the drawings (i.e., sheets 1 – 22) with the amended version included herewith.